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SUBJ: PRIVATE INDUSTRY IN SUDAN

1. IN A SPEECH GIVEN AT THE CORNERSTONE-LAYING CEREMONY FOR UNION CARBIDE BATTERY PLANT AND BROADCAST OVER NATIONAL MEDIA, MINISTER OF INDUSTRY MUSA AWAD BALLAL STATED THAT, WHILE THE MAY REVOLUTION HAD BROUGHT WITH IT "SOCIALIST PLANNING AS A MEANS OF REALIZING INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT", PARTICULARLY FOR KEY PROJECTS, THE GOS HAD "NOT OVERLOOKED THE PRIVATE SECTOR, WHICH IS REGARDED AS COMPLEMENTARY TO AND SUPPORTIVE OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR". BECAUSE "NATIONAL (I.E., NON-GOVERNMENTAL) CAPITALISM ACCEPTS THE PRINCIPLES AND AIMS OF THE REVOLUTION, THE REVOLUTION IN TURN HAS MADE AN EFFORT TO REMOVE ALL ROADBLOCKS IMPEDING CAPITALISM", I.E., BY RESCINDING CONFISCATION AND NATIONALIZATION DECISIONS AND BY PASSING THE DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROMOTION ACT OF 1972. THE MINISTER WENT ON TO SAY NEW POLICY HAD RESULTED IN A FLOOD OF APPLICATIONS FOR INVESTMENT; HE SAID "NEARLY 200" PROJECTS WITH TOTAL INVESTMENT OF LS 125 MILLION (\$312.5 MILLION) HAD BEEN APPROVED FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR BETWEEN JULY 1971 AND DECEMBER 1973. HE OBSERVED THAT THE UNION CARBIDE PLANT WAS "HIGHLY APPRECIATED" BECAUSE BATTERIES ARE ESSENTIAL TO RADIO-ASSISTED INFORMATION DISSEMINATION, WHICH GOS REGARDS AS CRUCIAL IN DEVELOPMENT OF COUNTRY.

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2. OTHER THAN MENTION OF UNION CARBIDE, PUBLISHED SPEECH  
CONTAINED NO SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO US INVESTMENT AS SUCH.  
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